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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Finance Minister said just now that he was considering the question. But now in the answer given by the Hon. Minister for Transport, nothing is mentioned when a particular question relating to the same thing is put. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether in the light of the High Court judgment and the difficulties to which the travelling public are put, the Government will be pleased to expedite consideration and see that necessary action is taken immediately? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, in view of the decision of the High Court, the Government have raised the maximum fares already prescribed by them under section 43 (1) (ii) of the Motor Vehicles Act by half-a-pie per mile so as to cover the Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952. According to the revised rates, the maximum fare prescribed by Government in March 1954 and the maximum fare per mile in the plains in the mufassal, except urban areas where there are town services, have been increased to 7½ pies; and rates on ghat roads have also been increased."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether in practice the operators do collect ½ pie per mile from the passengers and if so in what routes? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Pitchaya Pillai Bharathanatya Vidyalaya, Tanjore.

* 941 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of public money spent during 1952–53 for the Pitchaya Pillai Bharathanatya Vidyalaya, Tanjore; and

(*b*) the total strength during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54 in the above school?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Nil.

		Boys.	Girls.	
"(*b*) 1952–53	..	1	13	(as on 31st March 1953)
1953–54	..	1	13	(as on 1st August 1953)"

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" What is the necessity for running the Bharathanatya Vidyalaya and how is it going to enhance the status and culture of the State? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already stated that no public money is spent. It is a private institution and we cannot prevent private institutions being run."